

ODELL PACKED THE MEETING, IS PLATT'S CHARGE

The Senator Declares that Last Night's Conference Which Boomed ex-Gov. Black for Senator Was of No Importance.

DEPEW'S FRIENDS SAY HE'S STILL IN THE FIGHT.

Odell Declares There Will Be Further Conferences Among the Republicans Before the Senatorship Is Finally Settled.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Senator Platt, of New York, in an interview to-day, declared that last night's conference in New York, in which Gov. Odell's friends boomed ex-Gov. Black for United States Senator to succeed Chauncey M. Depew, was without importance. "The meeting was packed with Odell's henchmen," said Senator Platt.

Friends of Senator Depew do not regard the conference called by Gov. Odell last night in this city as at all conclusive. They were emphatic to-day in the statement that the meeting was informal and proceeded without organization. "It could not be construed," said one man, "as more than an out-post affair, and not decisive in its results."

Gov. Odell presided and called for expressions from those present, beginning with the first man on his left. A number of expressions were thus obtained, but it was said to-day that none of them developed anything that was not known before. Those men known to be in favor of Gov. Black gave voice to their preference and the Depew men were equally outspoken, while some half-dozen spoke non-committally.

Odell Not Outspoken. Gov. Odell himself is said to have in no way indicated his position, but merely acted as presiding officer of the conference. The whole affair is a 11 to a 10 shown a calm and friendly tone, although Senator Depew's most partisan supporters spoke with some warmth. They pointed out that there had existed prior to the recent election a tacit consent, as they understood it, that there was to be no opposition to Senator Depew for re-election, and one of them declared solemnly to-day that it was the support of Mr. Depew's friends, particularly the business men of New York City, that had been possibly the biggest factor in the success of the State ticket.

To Hold More Conferences. They felt that Mr. Depew's seat in the Senate was as keenly involved in the balloting as the Governorship, and it was with that understanding that they had given warmer and heartier support to the State ticket than might otherwise have been looked for. Gov. Odell said this afternoon: "There will be more conferences over the United States Senatorship. The conference yesterday was not final. It was attended by Republicans who are earnestly seeking what is best for the country, and I desire that the Republican party, and not one unkind word was spoken by them. I was simply trying to find out what the sentiment on this question is, and that is as far as I am going."

COURT ORDERS DODGE TAKEN TO NEW YORK.

Lawyers for Divorce Witness Threatened by Judge for Trying to Keep Him in Texas.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 16.—Federal Judge Burns today entered an order in the case of Charles F. Dodge, wanted in New York on a charge of perjury, ordering the United States Marshal to take Dodge back to New York and threatening anyone interfering with the order with the extreme displeasure of his court. Judge Burns administered a severe reprimand on Dodge's attorneys, saying that the writ of habeas corpus recently secured before Judge Thompson at Wharton, Tex., was secured through perjured testimony. The court threatened the attorneys for Dodge with disbarment in the event that they do not cease their endeavors to prevent their client's return to New York.

It is reported that Dodge will be taken to New York on a steamer sailing from Galveston to-morrow.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Saturday for New York City and vicinity: Fair to-night; Saturday partly cloudy, followed by snow in the afternoon or at night; fresh westerly winds becoming easterly on Saturday.

DOOLEY AND "THE SIMPLE LIFE." The Great American Philosopher has something to say on the great French Philosopher's philosophy. He draws amusing conclusions in NEXT SUNDAY'S WORLD.

ON THE COMMERCIAL BOWLING LEAGUE ALLEYS.

Danger in store for "Personal" Friend if He Finds His Way There To-Night.



NAN PATTERSON CASE MUST GO TO THE JURY

Justice Davis Overrules the Motion to Order an Acquittal, and Trial Is Adjourned Until Monday. When the Defense Will Announce Its Programme.

Love Letters Written Actress by Caesar Young a Month Before He Was Shot, in Which He Addressed Her Affectionately, Read to Jury.

Justice Vernon M. Davis, in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court, this afternoon denied the motion of Nan Patterson's counsel to acquit her of the charge of murdering Caesar Young, and the young actress will either have to put in a defense or let the case go to the jury on the prosecution's evidence. The motion was denied after Mr. Rand had rested his case.

Whether any testimony will be offered to offset the People's evidence will not be learned until the resumption of the trial on Monday. Mr. Levy at the close of the day's proceedings declared that he and his associates had not yet agreed on the advisability of putting any witnesses on the stand and asked for further time to confer in his matter. He said that if he finally made up his mind to put in a defense he would waive his opening address in order to facilitate an early wind-up of the case.

That the attorneys for the Florida girl have few available witnesses to call was shown when Mr. Unger, one of the counsel, moved that the defense rest. (Continued on Second Page.)

ASTARITA WINS FROM LONG SHOT

Favorite in Handicap Lucky to Get Home in Front of Highwind, Who Is Quoted at 40 to 1.

THE WINNERS. FIRST RACE—King's Trophy (9 to 10), Ranger (7 to 2) 2, Tom Shelly 3. SECOND RACE—Marco (30 to 1) 1, Chamblee (12 to 1) 2, Miladi Love 3. THIRD RACE—Aladdin (9 to 10) 1, Homestead (2 to 1) 2, Barkie-more 3. FOURTH RACE—Astarita (6 to 5) 1, Highwind (40 to 1) 2, Jake Greenberg 3. FIFTH RACE—Lady Fonso (8 to 5) 1, George Vivian (5 to 2) 2, Semper Vivax 3. SIXTH RACE—Janeta (6 to 5) 1, Kitty Platt (3 to 1) 2, Fruit 3.

(Special to The Evening World.) NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 16.—The races here this afternoon were run over a track that was almost fast. One more day of sunny weather and it will have resumed its best shape, and racing should be much improved. The weather to-day was ideal. It was more like a day in June than anything else, and the chill of yesterday was entirely gone. The card showed a lot of improvement and promised racing of a very interesting character.

Alfred Jackson, after reading the story from New York that the Jockey Club had arranged its schedule of dates and had made no provision for his track at Westchester hurriedly packed his grip and took the night train for New York. It is said that he will prosecute against the action of the Jockey Club, and it is believed that he will make a strong fight for dates. King's Trophy Wins Easily. King's Trophy was a strong favorite in the opening event, with Tom Shelly the most fancied of the others, but clearly and easily, after a short stoppage, and funder showed in front, followed by King's Trophy and Tom Shelly. The strong wind from the front went to the front and won easily by lengths from Ranger, who beat Tom Shelly a head.

Favorite Ran Disgracefully. J. W. O'Neill was a hot favorite in the second race. He was badly beaten and had not a particle of speed. J. W. O'Neill is a high-class sprinter and his defeat was disgraceful. Miladi Love, Marco and Stumund raced in close order to the stretch, with Little Jack Horner and Chamblee close up. In the run home, Chamblee closed strong, but Marco lasted long enough to win by a head. Chamblee was a length in front of Miladi Love.

Nicol Won the Race. Aladdin, the favorite in the third race, came home with the money through Nicol's superior jockeyship. Homestead, the second choice, was clearly the best horse in the race, but Schilling rode him in execrable fashion. New Amsterdam made the pace to the turn, where Nicol went to the front. He was in turn outrun by Homestead and Aladdin. In the run home Nicol outdrove Schilling and landed Aladdin by three-quarters of a length. Homestead was five lengths in front of Barkie-more. Astarita Wins Easily. Astarita raced right to the front at the start and set a terrific pace, followed by Dick Bernard and Jake Greenberg. They held this order to the stretch, where Dick Bernard stopped. Astarita then came on and won easily by a length from Highwind, who finished strong and beat Jake Greenberg a neck for the place.

Lady Fonso Wins Again. Lady Fonso was favorite in the fifth race. Schilling put up an entirely different ride from that on Homestead, he took the mare to the front at the end of a half mile and she won in a mild drive by half a length from George Vivian, who was four lengths in front of Semper Vivax.

Janeta was best, George Vivian finished strong. Semper Vivax poorly had. (Continued on page 16.)

LAWSON IS NOW AT PEACE WITH GREENE; BOTH TALKED OUT

Frenzied Financiers Meet in Boston and "Fight It Out" with Bottles, Instead of Bullets, as Weapons—Greet Each Other Like Old-Time Pals.

WAITERS HUSTLE TO KEEP UP AMMUNITION SUPPLY.

Five Colonels in Party That Talks Over "Copper" in Room While the Police Watch Outside Ready Should Any of the "Popping" Be Done with Pistols.

LATEST BULLETINS. HOTEL TOURNAI, BOSTON, Dec. 16.—1.35 P. M.—Servants carrying in big dinner to Col. Greene's room. 1.45 P. M.—All eating; seem to enjoy it. 2.30 P. M.—Still eating. 3.00 P. M.—Lawson says: "I'm unable to speak." 3.15 P. M.—All smoke up. 3.30 P. M.—More ammunition brought by waiters. 4.17 P. M.—Greene and Lawson both unable to speak.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—The amicable hostilities of Thomas W. Lawson and Col. William C. Greene were interrupted this afternoon amid a shower of friendly highballs, by a lunch usually denominated "sumptuous." The waiters were busy carrying up the peace food for a half hour and then all who were in on the secret conference sat down for several hours of joyous viands and rare vintage. The Gatling gun talk of Col. Greene, of Arizona, gave way utterly, and Col. Lawson, of Boston, fell in line with the peace-on-earth-and-good-will toward-all spirit. The lunch was a thorough success in every particular and both contestants were loath to call quits. At 3 o'clock Col. Lawson sent word to The Evening World that he was too busy for utterance. At that time there was a rumor abroad that a big stock deal between the two men was on foot. That Boston was genuinely excited over the prospective duel was conclusively evidenced when Police Captain Lawrence Cain entered the hotel this afternoon with plain-clothes men.

"If there's going to be any rough play or gun fighting in our most exclusive hotel I think we had better prepare for it," said he. Then the plain-clothes men took up a station within shooting distance of the Lawson apartments in the hotel. The way the bottles popped inside gave the detectives many a shudder, but they feared to take matters in their own hands by entering the rooms with a show of violence. Chief Watts also lingered about the corridors and the police were served with luncheon there by the hotel employees.

What will happen after the meeting of the quondam belligerents nobody knows. Some say that the fight will be taken to Wall street, both contestants putting up a combined front against all the frenzied forces of devil-ridden New York. The latest report brought out by an overworked waiter says ammunition has given out and the truce was declared until more could be furnished. The base of supplies has not been depleted. The ammunition wagon soon had a fresh supply on the battle line. At 4 P. M. neither Greene nor Lawson could talk, the report from the front said.

HOW THEY CAME TOGETHER.

Lawson strolled into the Hotel Tournaire to-day while Col. Greene was at breakfast. The latter had been making all sorts of threats against Lawson during the morning. Surrounded by a hopeful crowd of reporters and expectant citizens, the two Colonels came together directly in front of the main passenger elevator of the hotel as Col. Greene and two friends came out of the dining-room, but in the vernacular of State and Wall streets, "there was nothing doing."

Instead of reaching for their "guns" the two Colonels reached for each other's right hands, Col. Greene leading off with this indication of peaceful intentions. Col. Lawson, not to be outdone in politeness, extended his right hand almost simultaneously, waiting only a fraction of a moment, to let it be apparent that the offer of a hand-shake emanated from Col. Greene, then the hands of the Colonels met in a clasp. "How are you?" said Col. Greene. "Why, how do you do?" said Col. Lawson. They shook hands. Col. Greene was flanked by two men who had breakfasted with him.

SILVER FROM HEAD TO FOOT, POLICE SAY OF PRISONER.

Accused of Shoplifting on Broadway and Arrest Considered Important—Woman Also Held.

A woman who claimed to be a relative of one of the biggest politicians in the city, and who gave her name as Mrs. Clara J. Hilder, was arrested this afternoon by Detective Donnelly, of the Fifth avenue station, and two officers from the office of Fire Marshal Beers. The prisoners are boys about eighteen years of age. They have made full confessions, implicating three other boys of the same age, whose arrests are expected at any moment. Until the others are arrested the authorities refuse to give out the names of their prisoners. For a month or so the three boys have been in the House of Detention, No. 120, at No. 122 Broadway, where they were through "third degree," which resulted in their confession.

FATHER, GRIEVING FOR HIS SON, SUCCEUMS.

Wealthy Mount Vernon Man Known Recovered from Shock of Young Man's Death.

(Special to The Evening World.) MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Ferdinand Decker, sixty-one years old, one of the oldest and best known merchants in Westchester County, died in his home on South Fourth avenue, this city, early to-day. Late in October Mr. Decker's only son, who was engaged in the furniture and novelty business in this city, died as the result of a fall. The father never recovered from the blow, seeming heartbroken, and gradually sank until death came to-day. He was wealthy, having conducted his business in this city for a full century. A widow, two daughters and a younger son survive him. (Continued on page 16.)

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